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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

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- 1. MESSAGE FOR HARRIMAN. PLEASE ATTEMPT TO GET FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM PETER SWIERS TO GOVERNOR HARRIMAN BEFORE DEPARTURE. WE WILL ALSO SEND TO BELGRADE IN CASE YOU MISS.
- (A) MARY LORD DIED FRIDAY AFTER A LONG BOUT WITH CANCER. SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND ANY MESSAGE, YOU CAN SEND IT TO 740 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK10021 'WHICH WOULD REACH HER HUSBAND OSWALD.
- (B) HERB OKUN HAS BEEN NAMED SENIOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SALT DELEGATION. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD WISH TO KNOW THIS IN CASE YOU WISH TO SEND A MESSAGE TO EITHER WARNKE OR OKUN.

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2. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM MEMCON OF JULY 21 MEETING INVOLVING SENATOR MCGOVERN, VEST AND ANDREWS.

"ROMANIA. IN RESPONSE TO MCGOVERN'S REMARK THAT ROMANIA SEES ITSELF AS ALMOST NON-ALIGNED, VEST SAID IT IS PURSUING GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN AND CONSULTATION ON KEY MULTILATERAL ISSUES, SUCH AS DISARMAMENT AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES (CBMS). VEST MENTIONED THAT CEAUCESCU HAD TOLD

HIM THAT THE GOR WAS SATISFIED WITH THE RECENT SSOD IN NEW YORK, ESPECIALLY THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FRENCH AND THE CHINESE. VEST RELATED HOW ROMANIAN TELEVISION HAD BROADCAST CEAUCESCU'S GREETING TO THE JOINT US/ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING ON THE SAME DAY THAT THE CEMA MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HOW VALUABLE THE ROMANIANS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE HELSINKI MEETING HAD BEEN. VEST ADDED THAT HE HAD TOLD CEAUCESCU THAT WE WOULD CONSULT WITH THE GOR BEFORE MADRID. HE CHARACTERIZED ROMANIA AS A VERY COMPLEX SOCIETY TRYING TO WORK ITS WAY IN THE WORLD."

- 3. KUDOS. PLEASE PASS ALONG OUR COMPLIMENTS TO HAL PATTISON FOR THE EXCELLENT REPORTS HE PROVIDED ON THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S PSYCHIATRIC ABUSES AND ON ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE ROMAN AND LATIN RITE CHURCHES.
- 4. CASTRO SLOT. WE ARE WORKING WITH COMMERCE ON TRYING TO GET HANDLEY AND HAVE PUT A HOLD ON PAUL BERGMAN; DON'T ROCK THE BOAT IN THE MEANTIME. VANCE

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